

J109 Class Association

On behalf of the J109 class officers and fleet captains below is a J109 Class update

If you are a member, please consider renewing soon. If you are not a member, please consider joining. It's only \$50 and even if you do not race one design, membership will give you access to the new website's useful maintenance forums, gear for sale, technical manuals, fellow owner contacts etc that could end up saving you more than \$50

This should be another great racing year for J109s

- Jim Vos #369

(if you are in the J109 database and do not want to be, please reply as such)

NEW WEBSITE

Bill Kneller has been hard at work creating a new J109 class website

The new site is up in demo form and will go live in March. Besides being more modern, logical, and cheaper to maintain, it will have up to date:

- Owners list, boat locations and ability to contact fellow owners (only members can see info)
- North American regattas calendar
- Maintenance topics (incl history from the old site)
- Market page to advertise for sale those used regatta sails in your basement, etc

If you want to drive Bill's demo site click on: <http://nelly.gendns.com/~jorg/>

If you have suggestions or information that can be posted email Bill at Bill@j109.org

2015 J109 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2015 North Americans at Block Island Race Week has 24 J109s on the scratch sheet already and there are a few more boats who will probably enter. If you sail in another region, there may be loner boats available. Compensation could be hauling/doing a bottom job, bringing your own sails, and owner sails with you. Please contact me if interested

Because it is a championship event, rule 6.2 applies: total crew weight (excluding skipper) shall not exceed 1213lbs

Rick Hanson (class measurer) will be sending out time slots for class compliance checks as we get closer to the date (e.g. lifeline tension, sail tags & all other class requirements met)

Bob Schwartz has graciously offered his rental house "Crew's Hideout" again for the class party and as in past years every boat will be responsible for bringing/doing something

Dockage may be a problem this year because Block Island Boat Basin has lost its lease and it is undetermined as of now when or to whom to send reservations requests. The center of the regatta is the Boat Basin and I think docking is much better than mooring or anchoring in the crowded harbor

Suggested dockage strategies: 1) follow Rick Lyall's lead and send an email to the BI Chamber of Commerce stating you want to receive contact information for the Boat Basin as soon as things are sorted out (send to Molly O'Neill at bichamber@yahoo.com); 2) white out parts of your 2013 Boat Basin form and mail it into their old address with a check for \$1,000; 3) reserve dockage at Champlin's or Payne's docks and remember to cancel it later (Champlin's has a 100% refund policy & can reserve on

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the web; Payne's is closer but is old school: call Cliff Payne at [401-466-5572](tel:401-466-5572), let it ring about 35 times, chat him up, give your boat's name, ask him to write it down. He does not accept money or paperwork in advance so hope it works & call back in early June); and 5) put in your own bid for the new lease on the Boat Basin

J109 CLASS RULES

Please send any rules questions/clarifications or requests for changes to be considered to Rick Hanson at ricksailscnc@hotmail.com and cc your area fleet captain. Some excellent clarification questions and suggested rules changes have already come in and Rick will be distributing any clarifications or changes made

NEW ENGLAND REGATTAS

Fleets Captains: (10) Rick Lyall, (2) Bengt Johansson, (4) Bill Sweetser, (6) Dan Grossman

AYC Spring	April 25,26	Class start expected (American YC)
Annapolis NOOD	May 1,2,3	Class start expected
AYC Spring	May 2,3	Class start expected (American YC)
Cedar Point YC One Design	May 30,31	Class start expected (CPYC)
NYYC Annual Regatta	June 12,13,14	6'ish needed for class start (Newport)
Block Island Race Week	June 21-26	J109 North American Championship
Red Grant NJ	July 11,12	J109 East Coast Championship (Raritan YC)
YRA One Design Championships	Aug 1,2	5 needed for class start (Riverside YC)
Buzzards Bay Regatta	Aug 7-9	Class start if 8 J109s
Vineyard Race (Distance)	September 4,5	5 needed for class start (Stamford YC)
Long Island Sound Championships	Sept 12,13	IRC (Riverside YC)
AYC Fall	Sept 26,27	Class start expected (American YC)
AYC Fall	Oct 3,4	Class start expected (American YC)
Intercollegiate Regatta	Oct 10,11	College teams with owner on board (Larchmont YC)

J109 East Coast Regatta Series Trophy: the 3 bolded regattas above (Annapolis NOOD, BIRW and Red Grant) have been designated as the three qualifying events for the J109 East Regatta Series Trophy. BIRW is the one mandatory event and a boat must race in 2 of the regattas to qualify. There is a picture of this trophy on the new website, it is spectacular. A J109 loner boat may be available for Annapolis. Contact Bill Sweetser for info commerce2@sweetsers.com

Both BIRW and Red Grant are championship regattas and will be raced under class rule 6.2 (1213lb weight limit). All other east coast regattas are expected to be raced under rule 6.1 (6 non driver crew + 1 <=132lbs person)

The Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta Oct 10,11 is not a class event but it is supported by the class and generally gets a big turnout. In 2013 there were 16 J109s and in 2014 13 J109s. It's a good cause and our presence is deeply appreciated by Storm Trysail Foundation, Larchmont YC and all the college sailors. Contact Rick Lyall for info rcklyall@me.com

We expect 10+ J109s for the East Coast Championships at Red Grant, Raritan YC in northern New Jersey. It's only about a 5hr delivery from western LIS and being the 150th anniversary of the Raritan YC a big party is being planned. Contact Bengt Johansson for info fuzzywuzzy30@verizon.net

WEST COAST REGATTAS

Fleet captains (1) Jerry Woodfield, (3) Thomas Brott

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SCYA Midwinter Regatta	Feb 21-22	Hosted by either SDYC or CYC
NOOD Regatta	March 13-15	SDYC
Yachting Cup	May 1-3	SDYC
Cal Race Week	May 30-31	CYC
Long Beach RW	June 26-28	LBYC/ABYC (J109 West Coast Champs)
J/Fest	Sept 25-27	SDYC

TEXAS REGATTAS

Fleet captain (12) Andy Wescoat

J/109 Galveston Bay Championship – one design starts if 3 or more J109s

Performance Cup	March 21,22	Galveston Bay Cruising Association
Elissa Texas Speed Week	April 10,11,12	Houston Yacht Club
Shoe Regatta	May 15,16	Lakewood Yacht Club
Leukemia Cup	June 27,28	Houston Yacht Club
Mixed Doubles	August 16	Galveston Bay Cruising Association
Houston Offshore OD	Sept 19,20	Houston Yacht Club
J-Fest Southwest	Oct 10,11	Lakewood Yacht Club

SOUTHERN LAKE MICHIGAN REGATTAS

Fleet captain (11) Peter Priede

Colors Regatta	June 6,7	Class start expected (Columbia Yacht Club)
Chicago NOODS	June 12,13,14	Class start expected (Chicago Yacht Club)
Race to Mackinac	June 11,12,13	Class start expected (Chicago Yacht Club)
Verve Cup	Aug 7,8,9	Class start expected (Chicago Yacht Club)